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Suffolk County CC Opens Life Sciences Building



SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE (SCCC) leadership, local and state elected officials, community leaders, and representatives of BBS Architects, Landscape Architects and Engineers and J. Petrocelli Contracting have officially opened the new, \$29.8-million William J. Lindsay Life Sciences Building.

The Life Sciences Building is the first new academic structure completed on SCCC's Selden, NY, campus in nearly 50 years. It will house programs for students pursuing biology, marine biology, chemistry, environmental science and nursing degrees.

Sustainable features of the structure include the "tight envelope" and high levels of insulation reducing the thermal losses; a natural stormwater run-off management system; high recycled content and locally sourced materials; and a high-efficiency lighting system with occupancy sensors. In addition, a rooftop photovoltaic system will generate 144 kilowatts of electricity and provide over 60 percent of the building's electric needs, saving approximately \$48,000 per year.

Both the interiors and the site feature learning tools related to the building's operations, design and function. The facility's interiors house kiosks and interactive boards displaying — in real time — the building's sustainability data and power and HVAC systems' performance.